

# KAKAZU RIDGE

SCENARIO ASL TAC29 Translated by Coastal Fortress Gaming Group



**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Japanese win if they have more Good Order VP than the Americans on hill hexes at the end of the scenario.

**OKINAWA, 9 April 1945:**

Kakazu Ridge comprised the extreme west of General Ushijima's defense line in the southern part of Okinawa. For Colonel May, the commander of the 383rd US Infantry Regiment, it was an objective which seemed easy to seize, even though a small ravine prevented any armored support. Counting on the effect of surprise to take a position that to May seemed weakly defended, at dawn on the 9th he launched Company A and C against the main hill, and Company I and L against the western end of Kakazu. Almost without any fighting, A and C companies soon occupied their objective, while the others were halfway to theirs. The Japanese presence was about to be revealed as stronger than initially assessed.

**BALANCE:**

- Add a 50mm mortar to the Japanese reinforcements

- ☆ Replace the 8-1 Leader with a 9-1 Leader












● JAPANESE setup and move first










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**Elements of the 13th Independent Battalion [ELR: 4]**

setup on hexes of Hill 538 {SAN: 4}:








 E 4 <sup>2</sup> -4-8	 1 4 <sup>1</sup> -4-7	 9-0	 8-0	 LMG 1 2-6	 MTR 2 50*[1-16]*	 DC 30-1	 Trench OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2	 Foxhole 5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
2	3			2	2		2	3

**Reinforcements of the 13th Independent Battalion** enter on turn 1 along the south edge on/east of hexrow U:

 E 4 <sup>2</sup> -4-8	 1 4 <sup>1</sup> -4-7	 2-2-8	 9-1	 8-0	 MMG 2 4-1	 LMG 1 2-6	 MTR 2 50*[1-16]*	 DC 30-1
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


**Elements of A and C Company, 383rd Regiment (96th Infantry Division) [ELR: 4]**

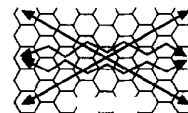
setup on Hill 621 on hexes with coordinates 5 with 1MMC per hex {SAN: 2}:

 E 6 <sup>3</sup> -6-7	 1 6 <sup>3</sup> -6-6	 8-1	 8-0	 MMG 2 4-10	 MTR 3 60*[3-45]	 BAZ45 XII WPS 8-4
5	3			2	2	2

**Elements of L Company, 383rd Regiment**

enter on turn 1 from the north edge, west of hexrow T inclusive:

 E 6 <sup>3</sup> -6-7	 1 6 <sup>3</sup> -6-6	 3-4-7	 9-1	 8-0	 MMG 2 4-10	 MTR 3 60*[3-45]	 BAZ45 XII WPS 8-4
6	2				2	2	2



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**SSR:**

- EC are moderate, with a Mild Breeze from the NW at start. PTO Terrain and Light Jungle are in effect.
- After its setup, each US MMC can attempt to Entrench, applying the leadership of any leader it is stacked with as a DRM, and acquiring a Labor Status of -1 in the case of failure.
- The Japanese have a 70mm OBA module (HE only) with 1 pre-registered hex (secretly recorded before US setup) directed by a Level 2 Offboard Observer situated on the south board edge, whose setup hex is recorded before US setup. This module can place a Barrage (E12.) but in this case the Barrage must be aligned parallel to the south board edge or along a hexrow (not an alternate hexrow) oriented either SE-NW or SW-NE (see diagram).
- At the start of turn 3 the Americans receive an OBAModule directed by a Level 2 Offboard Observer on the north board edge, whose placement is recorded prior to the Japanese setup. This module can only place smoke (no WP).

**AFTERMATH:** At dawn, when the first American units had reached their objectives, a Japanese observer suddenly noticed the presence of the Americans. Almost immediately, Japanese artillery opened fire with a barrage, followed by a charge carried out by troops of the 13th Independent Battalion under Colonel Munetatsu Hara. Battered by this shock, Company A radioed an SOS asking for reinforcements, and received in reply the order to hold the crest at all costs. Company L, still moving forward, managed to reach the summit of the western ridge despite the Japanese fire, but it was repulsed shortly after by the defenders. It nevertheless remained positioned on the slopes. For the two companies, the situation rapidly became untenable, and a withdrawal was finally undertaken under the cover of a smokescreen. Despite the advantage of initial surprise, the reaction speed of the Japanese had repulsed the American assault.